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1. AT IRAN MISOFF'S (BAYANDOR) REQUEST USUN MISOFF MET
3 APR TO DISCUSS IOPZ. ACCORDING TO BAYANDOR INDIA STILL
PRESSING FOR MEETING OF AD HOC COMITE 8-12 APR (AS
CURRENTLY SCHEDULED) TO DISCUSS DIEGO GARCIA BUT IRAN,
AUSTRALIA AND PRC OBJECTING TO CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE IN
ISOLATION. (ACCORDING TO SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL, INDIA
MISSION HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT AD
HOC COMITE CHAIRMAN AMERASINGHE WHO HAS NOT YET RETURNED
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TO NY. UN IS ASSUMING APR MEETING POSTPONED UNLESS

NOTIFIED OTHERWISE.)

2. BAYANDOR PROCEEDED TO SPECULATE AS TO BEST TRACK TO FOLLOW AFTER EXPERTS' REPORT ON MILITARY PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN IS SUBMITTED TO AD HOC COMITE. HE NOTED THAT IRANIAN MISSION IS ATTEMPTING TO FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS QUESTION TO TEHRAN. BAYANDOR BELIEVES ANY OF THREE ALTERNATIVES ARE POSSIBLE, PRESUMABLY TO BE FRAMED IN UN RES. (A) AN APPEAL TO GREAT POWERS TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES TO INDIAN OCEAN; (B) SPECIFIC APPEAL TO GREAT POWERS TO JOIN AD HOC COMITE AND WORK WITH MEMBERS FOR PLAN LEADING TO DE-ESCALATION; OR (C) APPEAL THAT US AND SOVS CONSIDER DEMILITARIZATION OF ZONE AS PRIORITY ISSUE IN BILATERALS. ON (B) BAYANDOR SAID SOV PERMREP MALIK EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN JOINING IOPZ COMITE TO IRANIAN PERMREP MONTH BEFORE DIEGO GARCIA BECAME PROMINENT NEWS ITEM. BAYANDOR ACKNOWLEDGED SOV INTEREST IN MEMBERSHIP MAY HAVE BEEN CANARD; HIS OWN PROBE TO SOVS 3 APR ONLY RECEIVED RESPONSE THAT IRANIAN INTEREST WOULD BE REPORTED TO MOSCOW.

3. BAYANDOR WENT ON TO STATE THAT MANY COMITE MEMBERS CONSIDER US PLANS FOR SUPPORT FACILITY AT DIEGO GARCIA AS PARTICULARLY TROUBLESOME ISSUE. FIRST, THEY CONSIDER ACTUAL PHYSICAL OCCUPATION BY US OF BASE IN INDIAN OCEAN SIGNIFIES GREATER DEGREE OF INVOLVEMENT THAN SOVS UTILIZATION OF OTHER STATES' FACILITIES. SECOND, THEY BELIEVE THAT SOVS WILL INEVITABLY INCREASE THEIR PRESENCE BECAUSE OF US BASE AND THIS IS WHAT LITTORAL STATES WANT TO AVOID MOST. (BAYANDOR SAID INDONESIA, IN PARTICULAR, EXPRESSED THIS CONCERN.)

4. USUN MISOFF CONFINED REMARKS TO GENERAL COMMENTS WITHIN GUIDELINES REFTELS AND EXPRESSED HOPE EXPERTS' REPORT WOULD BE BALANCED. (BAYANDOR SAID IRAN, FOR ONE, WOULD INSIST ON EVEN-HANDED REPORT). REGARDING SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF REPORT MISOFF INDICATED ONLY THAT BAYANDOR'S THOUGHTS WOULD BE ADDED TO DEPT CONSIDERATIONS AND EXPRESSED HOPE TO REMAIN IN TOUCH.

5. (COMMENT: WE HOPE BAYANDOR WILL BE WILLING TO PROVIDE USUN WITH ADVANCE COPY OF EXPERTS' REPORT RECEIVED FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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